

**Nonprofit Entity Reimbursement Grant Program
Evaluation Panel Established by Act 154 of 2020**

Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

1:00 P.M.

Meeting Held Electronically

Public Access -Wade Hampton Building – 1st Floor Governor’s Conference Room
Columbia, South Carolina

MINUTES

Panel Members Present: Amber Gillum, Debbie Calcote, Carri Grube-Lybarker, Lee Dutton, The Hon. Mark Hammond, Ashley Brown, Elizabeth Johnson, Tracy Easton (All Present Electronically)

Others Present:

GuideHouse - Mike Tosh, Kajal Patel, Vinod Ramachandran, Bethan Flynn, Nathan Paufve-NMA, Kevin Sweitzer, Travis Green (All Present Electronically)

Department of Administration - Marcia Adams, Paul Koch, Brian Gaines, Lindsey Kremlick, Mason Summers, David Avant, Sally Foster, Holly Palmer (All Present Electronically)

Others present: Shannon Wiley and Melissa Dunlap, both from the Office of the Secretary of State (All Present Electronically)

Those Present in the Governor’s Conference Room, Wade Hampton Building which was made available to the public - Kelly Coakley with the S.C. Department of Administration (present to ensure availability of electronic participation during open sessions)

I. Call to Order

Ms. Adams called the meeting of the Panel to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call of all present was taken and a quorum confirmed.

The compliance with the posting requirements of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act was noted.

Ms. Adams reported to the Panel that the purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the process established by Section 6, Act 154 of 2020 and the Applications and Proposed Agreements with Applicants received as a result of the Act.

Mr. Avant discussed the establishment of panel procedures, what matters could be discussed in executive session, that no action could be taken in executive session and the procedure for entering

executive session. A motion was made and seconded to enter executive session to discuss proposed agreements with applicants for the receipt of grant funds under Section 6 of Act 154. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The Panel entered into executive session at 1:15 p.m.

II. Executive Session

During executive session, the Panel had both general and specific discussions of the proposed agreements with applicants as well as the scoring methodology, the eligibility of certain entities and how to apportion the amount of money appropriated by Act 154 for nonprofit entities among those entities.

At 3:10 p.m., A motion to return to open session was made and seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously. No other action was taken in executive session

III. Return to Open Session

Upon return to open session, it was noted that there had been no substantive action taken in executive session. Further, the following actions were taken by the Panel:

- A. A motion was made and seconded to adopt a scoring methodology for applications that awards 8 points to those entities that have received no other assistance and awards entities 1 point each for the seven services prioritized in Section 6(B)(1) Act 154 for a total possible score of 15. The scoring methodology would also include the provision that an entity that performs none of the seven prioritized services and has received other assistance shall be awarded a score of negative seven (-7).

This motion was passed by unanimous vote of the panel.

- B. A motion was made and seconded to exclude from further consideration for a grant award under Section 6 of Act 154 any entity which received an aggregate score of negative seven (-7) based on the determination that the entity performs none of the seven prioritized services and the entity has received other assistance. The exclusion under this motion is conditioned upon a determination by the panel that consideration of such an entity is necessary to ensure that grants are awarded on a statewide basis.

This motion was passed by unanimous vote of the panel.

- C. A motion was made and seconded to reject the application of any entity meeting any of the following criteria:
 - 1. The entity answered "No" to 501c3 question or "No" to in operation on 9/13/19.
 - 2. The entity's 501c3 status has been revoked by the IRS.
 - 3. The entity is a business, not a nonprofit, and filed the wrong application.
 - 4. The entity's charity registration has expired.
 - 5. The entity's application reflects an incorrect EIN with no way of verifying the correct EIN.

6. The entity is not a 501c3 entity reflected in the IRS Database.
7. The entity is not a registered charity.
8. The entity's charity registration has been suspended.
9. The entity is required to file Form 990 by IRS, but the entity is not a registered charity.
10. The entity is subject to some other disqualifying factor.

The rejection of an entity's application under this motion is subject to further review and an entity's application may be considered for a grant award should that review determine that the entity does not, in fact, meet one of the above disqualifying criteria.

This motion was passed by unanimous vote of the panel.

IV. Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. upon the unanimous vote of the panel.